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Serial No. 10/774,237

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For: A Mechanism for Removably Coupling a Shaft of a
Utilitarian Device to an Internal Combustion Engine

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the above-identified patent application that was contained in the final Office Action mailed on June 8, 2005.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Brunelli and remain pending in the subject patent application.

Claim 1 specifies a support bearing through which the weight of a utilitarian device is transferred to a internal combustion engine. That support bearing is separate from a drive connector through which components of the utilitarian device are rotated by the engine crankshaft.